

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 87

SENATE BILL NO. 853

By Black, Burks

Substituted for: House Bill No. 329

By Sherry Jones, Maggart, Lynn

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 1, relative to the rules, regulations, and policies of the Department of Children's Services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-112, is amended by adding the following language to the end of the section:

The application of rules and regulations and the policies of the department shall be uniform and consistent throughout the state.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as new, appropriately designated sections:

§ 37-5-1___. Before March 1 of each year, the department shall appear before the Select Committee on Children and Youth and the Children and Family Committee of the House of Representatives for a review of the policies of the department and attached protocol and procedures for these policies and any provisions that affect the children the department serves. During such review the committees shall consider the uniformity of applicability across the state of the department's policies and attached protocol and procedures for these policies and any provisions that affect the children the department serves.

§ 37-5-1___. The department shall submit for review by the Select Committee on Children and Youth and the Children and Family Committee of the House of Representatives any new departmental policies within sixty (60) days of adoption of such policies.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 9, 2009



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27th day of April 2009



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR